

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15 and extending to page 18, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the embodiments of the invention described with reference to figures 2-14 disposable speculum 1 is adapted for connection with a fibre optic head 5 whereby a light source 8 may be connected with the sigmoidoscope. Those embodiments differ from prior art in that the window is not a part of the coupling means but is disposable, and it that the interior of the sigmoidoscope (defined between the window and the interior of the speculum) does not communicate with any non-disposable part. In the embodiment of figure 15 there is shown schematically a speculum having integral optical coupling means which are disposed of with the speculum. In this embodiment only the illumination source [[in]] is retained in the case in which a disposable inflation bulb is connected with the speculum, or an illumination source and inflation bulb are retained in the case in which the inflation bulb is connected via disposable contamination prevention means 18. The disposable contamination prevention means may thus isolate the illumination source from the insufflation means suffusing the lumen. Integral optical coupling means 44 is adapted to receive an attachable light source 8 which is plugged into a socket of the coupling. By suitable design of the light source, the light can be directed into the walls of the speculum and conducted for emission from the insertion end without the need for optical fibres. It may be desirable to coat parts of coupling 44 and/or other parts of the speculum with reflective coatings to facilitate guiding of the light from the light source. Optical coupling means 44 is desirably moulded integrally with speculum 1 or may be made from optical fibres and assembled permanently with the speculum for disposal rather than for disconnection and reuse.